

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections under § 112:

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants amend claim 2 to remove any ambiguities. As explained on pages 15-16 of the specification, this prohibition occurs when “a series of photographing” is being carried out in a second studio, e.g. photo studio B. That is, a third terminal is prohibited from reference or editing, even when photographing is taking place in the second (another) studio. Therefore, it is possible to restrict access in some terminals while allowing access in another, thereby preventing overlapped photographing from a plurality of terminals and data inconsistencies which could arise from simultaneous access.

Prior Art Rejections:

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Motoki (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0066900).

Motoki has a U.S. filing date of July 21, 2003, which is after Applicant’s Japanese priority date of September 20, 2002. Therefore, Applicants perfect the claim to foreign priority under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, by submitting herewith a verified English translation of the Japanese priority document JP 2002-274224, thereby removing the Motoki reference as prior art.

In view of the foregoing, the rejection based on Motoki is now deemed moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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